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## E-Legislative Update

January 16 – 22, 2012



January 16<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of the second week of the legislative session. In this stage of the legislative process, bills are being introduced and referred to committees. A bill has a public hearing before Senate and House committees prior to being considered on the floor of the House and Senate.

Your opportunity to testify on a bill comes at the committee hearings. If you cannot appear before a committee you can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### **Higher Education & Workforce Development - 01/17/12 10:00 am Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [SB 6029](#) - Regarding the ability to obtain a baccalaureate degree in three years.
2. [SB 6121](#) - Requiring the office of student financial assistance to provide a financial aid counseling curriculum for institutions of higher education.

## **Higher Education - 01/18/12 8:00 am**

### **Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

Work Session:

Financial Aid: overview, enrollments, and results.

State Need Grant, College Bound Scholarship, and other financial aid programs.

### **Public Hearing:**

1. [HB 2254](#) - Enacting the educational success for youth and alumni of foster care act.
2. [HB 2258](#) - Requiring an online higher education transfer and student advising system.

## **Higher Education & Workforce Development - 01/18/12 1:30 pm**

### **Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Public Hearing:**

Relating to the creation of the office of the student achievement council [Z-0930.2].

## **Education - 01/19/12 8:00 am**

### **Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Public Hearing:**

1. [HB 2165](#) - Facilitating statewide implementation of revised teacher and principal evaluation systems through professional development and training.
2. [HB 2334](#) - Establishing a statewide plan for implementing revised teacher and principal evaluation systems to support continuous professional growth based on the development work of pilot school districts.

## **Early Learning & K-12 Education - 01/19/12 1:30 pm**

### **Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Public Hearing:**

[SB 6119](#) - Enacting the career pathways act.

## **Higher Education - 01/19/12 6:00 pm**

### **Full Committee**

Jt. w/ Education and Labor & Workforce Development  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Public Hearing:**

[HB 2170](#) - Enacting the career pathways act.

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## Health and Human Services

### **Health Care & Wellness - 01/18/12 8:00 am**

#### **Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm B  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Public Hearing:**

[HB 2319](#) - Implementing the affordable care act.

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## Economic Development

### **Community & Economic Development & Housing - 01/19/12 10:00 am**

#### **Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Work Session:**

1. Impact of the reorganization of Department of Enterprise Services on small business.
2. OMWBE Annual Report on Contracts.

### **Labor & Workforce Development - 01/20/12 8:00 am**

#### **Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Public Hearing:**

[HB 2265](#) - Establishing Washington works payments to increase graduation rates, address critical skill shortages, increase student success, and narrow the educational opportunity gap.

Information is current as of: January 13, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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